

County Councilman David Marks

Fifth District Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMAN MARKS:

LOCH RAVEN INITIATIVES INCLUDE NEW PARK, RAYTHEON SITE

The Loch Raven Boulevard corridor includes some of Baltimore County's most distinctive neighborhoods. This is also a region that has important challenges if it is going to remain an inviting community for families. Here are some projects underway in the Loch Raven area.

Ridgely Manor. Since March, our office has been working to start a neighborhood association for the homes bordered by Joppa Road on the north, Pleasant Plains Road on the west, and Loch Raven Boulevard on the east. That organization, the Ridgely Manor Community Association, is now up and running. It will help those of us in government who want to improve the quality of life in this area.

New Community Park. As a result of a private lawsuit between Hess and surrounding propertyowners, 16 homes behind the Joppa Road gasoline station will be demolished in early August. Now that state environmental regulators have reviewed the property, our office has been working with Hess attorneys and NeighborSpace of Baltimore County to dedicate this future open space as a park. It will be the first new park along the Loch Raven Boulevard corridor in decades.

Raytheon Property. Our office has established a citizens

committee to evaluate any development plans for the Raytheon property on Joppa Road.

Improvements to the Loch Raven Library. I will keep pushing for full-service status for the Loch Raven library, but in the meantime, I urge you to support the Friends of the Loch Raven Library. This volunteer organization hosts speakers and works on improvement projects at the branch. Contact information is at this page: <http://www.bcpl.info/hours-locations/loch-raven>.



Source: The Baltimore Sun.

PERRY HALL DOG PARK TO BECOME A REALITY!

County Executive Kamenetz will commit funding to complete the Perry Hall Dog Park at Honeygo Run Regional Park. This will become the first dog park in northeastern Baltimore County. It may be constructed by the end of 2013. Councilman Marks has been a strong supporter of the dog park. He established the task force in 2011 that evaluated potential sites, and he helped raise private sector money to make it possible. The dog park committee eventually raised more than \$20,000 from the community. To volunteer or become involved, email

BarbW@PerryPawDogPark.org.



NEWS IN TOWSON

Adelaide Bentley Park Dedicated in East Towson

On July 20, Councilman Marks joined local residents as a half-acre green space on East Pennsylvania Avenue was dedicated in honor of longtime leader Adelaide Bentley. The green space is owned by NeighborSpace of Baltimore County, a nonprofit land trust.

NEWS IN CARNEY

Water Main Project to Start in March 2014

Next spring, the Baltimore County Department of Public Works will be replacing a 12-inch Depression Era water main that has broken frequently over recent years. The main will be replaced that stretches from about 250 feet north of Joppa Road all the way to Cub Hill Road, a distance of 7,000 feet. Construction of the pipeline will take about nine months, and restoration and repaving will require about three months. Councilman Marks has arranged for the Department of Public Works to brief the community at the Carney Improvement Association meeting on Wednesday, November 20 at 7 p.m. at Carney Elementary School.

NEWS IN PERRY HALL

Brady Trail Dedicated at Marshy Point

Baltimore County has dedicated a new trail at the Marshy Point Nature Center in memory of Katie and Wil Brady, who lost their lives on November 7, 2008. The Brady family as many connections to the Perry Hall community, and countless people helped raise funds for this and other projects. Read more here: <http://www.katieandwil.org>.

Perry Hall High School 50th Anniversary Begins

More than 80 street banners will be going up at and around Perry Hall High School in early August as the school kicks off its 50th anniversary celebration. One of the first events will be the burial of a time capsule on Tuesday, September 3rd on the high school campus. If you want to donate an artifact that will be buried with the time capsule, contact Todd Sautters at tsautters@bcps.org or by phone at 330-705-9975.

September Marks Library Anniversary

September is also the 50th anniversary for the Perry Hall public library, which opened on September 8, 1963 at its

Belair Road location. In 2009, the library moved to its current campus on Honeygo Boulevard. To commemorate the 50th anniversary, the library will host a day of activities starting at 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 7th. Community leaders will speak at 1 p.m.

Several Perry Hall Developments Approved Years Ago

Many developments take years from the time they are proposed to the time they get built. Several housing projects under construction in Perry Hall were approved before Councilman Marks took office, or based on zoning that was in place before the most recent rezoning cycle. As one visible example, the 39-home development being built at Cross and Chapel Roads was approved in 2006. During the 2012 rezoning cycle, Councilman Marks downzoned more than 410 acres in the Fifth District, including more than 260 acres in the Perry Hall area. These changes will lighten future growth and affect future developments.

NEWS IN KINGSVILLE

Restoration of Jericho Bridge Set for 2013-14

Restoration of the historic Jericho Covered Bridge in Kingsville is still set for late 2013 and most of 2014. The 90-foot-long bridge spans Little Gunpowder Falls between Baltimore and Harford counties. Built in 1865, it is the only covered bridge in either Baltimore or Harford Counties, and one of only six in Maryland.

While the bridge has benefited from minor improvements over the past three decades, the upcoming project will include extensive repairs, such as the replacement of deteriorating timbers and the application of fire retardant and an anti-graffiti coating.



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